QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15.

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The President will call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial namber of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of using in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their awars and placed on the table of the House along with the list of charred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Medical

Number of depressed classes girls admitted into the Madras Medical College.

aw er of question No. 656 answered on the 18th October 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to call from the Surgeon-General information as to the number of depressed classes girls that were admitted in the Madras Medical College during the years 1925-26, 1926-27 and 1927-28, and place it on the table of the House?

A.—The following statement shows the number of girls belonging to the depressed classes admitted into the Madras Medical College during the three years ending 1927-28:—

> 1925-26 Nil. 1926-27 One. 1927-28 Nil.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" May I know whether there were any applications for admission from the depressed class girls during 1927-28?"

The hon, Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—" I should like to have notice."

Public Health

Introduction of the village aid scheme in this Presidency.

* 1597 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state, in reference to answers given to question No. 1258 regarding the introduction of village aid scheme in the Presidency answered on 5th November 1927—

 (a) whether the report of the Surgeon-General has been considered by the Government; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have proposed to take upon it?

A.—(a) & (b) The report received from the Surgeon-General is under the consideration of the Government. 28th February 1928]

Mr. A. B. Shetty: —" May I know how long the report has been under the consideration of the Government?"

The hon, Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"I think for the last two months."

Mr. A. B. Shetty: —" May I know when the decision is likely to be arrived at?"

The hon, Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"I expect
a decision to be arrived at almost at once."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: —" May I know when the report of the Surgeon-General was received by the hon, the Minister?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"I think during the course of last week."

Co-operative Societies

Applications for registration to the Co-operative department in Kurnool district.

*1598 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon, the Minister for Development be pleased to state, in regard to reply given to question No. 960 regarding applications for registration to the Co-operative department in Kurnool district answered on 31st October 1927, whether the information has been received and if so, what the information is?

A .- A note a embodying the information is appended.

Industries

Ground-rent for the Spur tank for the All-India Industrial Exhibition.

* 1599 Q.-Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon, the Minister for Development be pleased to state-

(a) the rent at which, and the number of days for which, the Spur

tank was let out to the All-India Industrial Exhibition;

- (b) whether the Government for accommodating their own exhibits have reserved any site; if not, the rent charged per square foot and the number of square test engaged for the Government; and the total cost thereof;
- (c) the rent per square foot at which private bodies are charged; and (d) the usual ground-rent paid by the Government to the South Indian Athletic Association, Madras, for exhibition purposes during the Christmas week year after year?
 - A.—(a) The Government permitted the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee to use up to 29th February 1928 the land applied for by them bearing R.S. Nos. 449, 461/1, 463/2 and 465/2 of Egmore and measuring about 100 acres subject to the payment of a rent of Rs. 100 per month. The Government have no information as to the rent at which portion of this site was allotted for Exhibition purposes by the Congress Committee.

^{*} Printed as Appendix I on page 141 infra,